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SUMMARY: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL AS REPORTED OUT OF FULL COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2012 Enacted: \$4.307 billion Fiscal Year 2013 Requested: \$4.512 billion Committee Mark: \$4.320 billion

The Committee proposal for the fiscal year 2013 Legislative Branch appropriation is \$4.320 billion, an increase of \$13 million above the fiscal year 2012 enacted level of \$4.307 billion and \$192 million, or 4.0%, below the fiscal year 2013 budget request level. Within this funding level, \$61.247 million is funding for the one-time costs necessary for the rehabilitation of the U.S. Capitol Dome. Excluding the funding for the Capitol Dome, the underlying bill continues the trend within the Legislative Branch to do more with less, by building on the five percent reduction enacted last year.

Senate - \$871,336,000 – The bill would provide an increase of \$2.7 million (0.3%) above the fiscal year 2012 enacted level. The proposed funding level fully funds implementation of the STOCK Act, which the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated would cost \$2.0 million. Funding for implementation of the STOCK Act is provided through the offices of the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms (SAA). Other specific funding decisions relative to the Senate include:

- An additional \$2.6 million is provided for the Inquiries and Investigations account.
- ➤ Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Allowance account is reduced by 0.5%, and the authorized level for personal offices is held at a freeze.
- ➤ All Leadership accounts are held at a freeze.
- ➤ The Student Loan program is funded at the fiscal year 2012 enacted level.

Architect of the Capitol - \$465.8 million – The bill would increase the AOC in total by \$22.5 million, above the fiscal year 2012 enacted level (excluding House items). However, of the total funding, \$61.247 million is provided solely for the rehabilitation of the U.S. Capitol Dome. The bill provides limited funding for construction projects, but provides flexibility for the AOC to focus on the highest or emerging priorities as they relate to safety, fire and environmental.

Language is included ensuring that commercial activities in the Union Square area continue if such activities are similar to the types of commercial activity permitted prior to the transfer from the National Park Service.

U.S. Capitol Police - \$333.1 million – The bill would reduce the USCP in total by \$7.0 million from the fiscal year 2012 enacted level. The bill would provide \$277.1 million for salaries which is the same level of funding as provided for fiscal year 2012 and would fund the U.S. Capitol Police at the current staffing level of 1,775 sworn officers and 370 civilians. The bill assumes \$32.6 million in funding for 567,922 hours of overtime. An additional \$1.48 million in overtime funding is provided through the Architect of the Capitol for activities related to the Capitol Dome. Funding for General Expenses is reduced to \$56.0 million.

Congressional Budget Office - \$44.6 million - The bill would provide an increase of \$850,000 for the CBO, which is a 1.9% increase above the fiscal year 2012 enacted level. The increased funding would be used to purchase commercial data requirements to support analysis that have been delayed due to budget constraints.

Government Accountability Office - \$513.8 million – The bill would provide an increase of \$2.5 million for the GAO, which is a 0.5% increase above the fiscal year 2012 enacted level. The bill also provides GAO with the authority to collect an additional \$2.0 million in offsetting collections, which with the increased appropriation, provides the GAO with an additional \$4.5 million above the enacted level in budget authority. This funding level assumes current staffing levels.

Library of Congress - \$592.2 million – The bill would provide an additional \$4.9 million for the LOC, which is an increase of 0.8% above the fiscal year 2012 enacted level. This funding level assumes current staffing levels.

Government Printing Office - \$126.2 million – This funding level is identical to the fiscal year 2012 enacted level in total funding. At the recommended levels, Congressional Printing and Binding will be funded at \$83.632 million. This is a 7.8% reduction from the fiscal year 2012 enacted level and is identical to the request level. Within this reduced funding level, full funding is provided for printing the 2012 edition of the U.S. Code, which is published every six years under authority of Title 2, U.S. Code.

The amount recommended for Salaries and Expenses is \$34.7 million, which is a reduction of \$272,000 from the enacted level. This funding level would allow the GPO to continue mission requirements ordered by the Congress.

The bill would provide \$7.8 million for GPO's Revolving Fund for critical maintenance of printing systems. Of this amount:

- ➤ \$3.4 million is for Information Technology Projects such as development of a replacement system for the XML system, and replacement of systems critical to GPO's network security monitoring and protection;
- ➤ \$3.8 million is for Federal Digital System Projects; and
- ➤ \$460,000 is for fire and safety projects at GPO facilities.

Open World Leadership Center - \$10 million – identical to the fiscal year 2012 enacted level of funding.

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development – \$430,000 identical to the fiscal year 2012 enacted level of funding.

COMMITTEE PASSED AMENDMENTS

During Committee consideration of the Legislative Branch appropriations bill, an amendment was considered and adopted that would provide the AOC with an additional \$61.247 million for rehabilitation of the U.S. Capitol Dome.

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